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SUBJECT: PROPOSED BENINESE INTERNAL SECURITY RESTRICTIONS

REF: A) STATE 65939; B) OTTAWA 1807

1. BENINESE DESK OFFICER, MIN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (EXTAFF),
MARCH 30 GAVE EMBOFF FOLLOWING INFO RE GOC RESPONSE TO
BENINESE INTERNAL SECURITY RESTRICTIONS.

2. WHEN PRESENTING CREDENTIALS IN BENIN, GOC AMBASSADOR
RESIDENT IN ACCRA RAISED MATTER WITH BOTH PRESIDENT AND
FONMIN OF BENIN. MATTER ALSO BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF
BENINESE MFA OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS.
BOTH FONMIN AND MFA OFFICIAL SUGGESTED GOC PUT OBJECTIONS
IN WRITING BUT CAUTIONED THAT IT BE ONLY "FAIR WARNING"
AND NOT "THREAT."

3. EXTAFF AND GOC EMBASSY ACCRA WORKED OUT AGREED WORD-
ING ALONG FOLLOWING GENERAL LINES. GOC EXPRESSES DIS-
APPOINTMENT THAT THE GPRB HAS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO PRO-
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POSE THESE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS. GOC POINTS OUT THAT SUCH
RESTRICTIONS WILL AFFECT MORALE OF GOC DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL IN BENIN AND WILL CONSEQUENTLY MAKE
IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR GOC TO RECRUIT REPLACEMENTS FOR
THESE OFFICIALS. FINALLY, IF THE EDICTS ADVERSELY AFFECT
THE MORALE OR WELL-BEING OF CANADIAN OFFICIALS THIS WILL
AFFECT GOC CAPACITY TO CARRY OUT EXISTING OR FUTURE

PROJECTS.

4. GOC DESK OFFICER EMPHASIZED THAT THIS NOT "PROTEST" NOTE. HE REITERATED DISTINCTION (REF B) GOC MAKES BETWEEN ITS RESPONSE REGARDING DIPLOMATS AND ITS "FAIR WARNING" RESPONSE REGARDING NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL. WITH FORMER, HE SAID, GOC WILLING TO JOIN DIPLOMATIC DEMARCHE. "FAIR WARNING" NOTE ABOVE APPARENTLY TAILORED TO COVER ONLY NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL. FINALLY, HE ASSUMES NOTE HAS BEEN DELIVERED AND IS UNAWARE OF GPRB RESPONSE. ENDERS

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